**Meeting of Llangedwyn Community Council**

**Meeting No. 355**

**Held Tuesday 16th January 2024**

**Present**: Jim Maccall (chairperson), Gareth Williams, Peter Keen, Cllr. Aled Davies, Glynn Broadbent, Maureen Wilde, Nick Powell, Emma Williams.

**355.1: Apologies**:

Adrian Phillips

These were accepted by councilors.

**355.2: Minutes of Meeting 354 held on Tuesday 21st November 2023.**

The minutes were approved by council and signed by Jim Maccall (chairperson)

**355.3: Matters Arising:**

1. **School Closure:** A press release has been sent from FOLS Friends of Llangedwyn School Ltd. PK completed the online consultation and would like to see the school stay open. He has received an email from PCC noting his objection to the closure.

In the report they mentioned the Estyn Report which is 4 years old, and the letter 1 year later from Estyn. This shows the school is up to standard and has good leadership.

We have decided not to respond to them. We would like to see the school open but trying to attract young families to the area is very difficult.

The school has suffered from lack of continuity, and it is not sustainable with such few children.

FOLS are holding an open meeting in the village hall on February 19th at 7pm. It was agreed members of the community council would attend.

1. **Parking Dol Emrys:** No progress, this is still in the hands of the design team at PCC.
2. **Traffic Lights in Penybont:** Traffic lights are still holding up traffic in Penybont due to the potential collapse of the old toll house. This is still in the hands of the insurance company and the lights could potentially be there for a long time. Cllr. Aled to ask PCC to re-asses the risk assessment.
3. **Llangedwyn Community Field:** E Wilde has completed the TR1 transfer and the field is now in the hands of the community council. EW to contact insurance company to check there is no change to the insurance due to the flood lights. EW to send cheque for £20 to E Wilde.
4. **Pavement between Llangedwyn Village and Green Inn:**  In the last storm trees fell into the road from Estate land. The branches have been put on the pavement, Glynn will contact Llangedwyn Estate to move the branches. The hedge has been cut back but the pavement is full of debris.
5. **Refuse and Recycling**: Due to the Christmas and New year collections we have had issues with none collection but Cllr Aled has been helping with the situation.

There has been an issue with fly tipping on the Green bank. Cllr. Aled reported this and it was collected.

The charge for green waste is due to rise by £10 in July and Powys are due to start charging for DIY waste. This could potentially lead to more fly tipping.

One resident received an inappropriate disposal letter for putting a black sack out instead of a purple sack. They did not realise it was an offence to put a black sack out for collection as they have done this many times before due to lack of purple sacks.

1. **Council Tax**: The consultation for the increase of council tax bands is still live. The rises are too much and the new council tax bands will have an effect on most residents. House prices will have an impact on the council tax. NP would like to see a rural discount due to lack of services and amenities.
2. **National Parks**: A new national park will take in the Tanat Valley which could put house prices up further. This is only in the consultation and planning period. We will look at this further when we have more information.
3. **Phone Signal**: PK has not heard any more from EE and the signal is not improving.

**355.4 Correspondence Sent**

1. Press release sent to Avertizer, County Times and Chronicle.

**355.5 Correspondence Received/Business.**

1. Press release from Friends of Llangedwyn School

**355.6 Planning Matters**

Approved: The Smithy, Llangedwyn SY10 9JR. Section 19 application to vary condition 2 of listed building. 04/01/24

Approved: The Smithy, Llangedwyn. Section 73 application to vary condition 2 of planning permission. 04/01/24

* 1. **Finance**

1. Invoice from Llanfyllin Library CIC 021 - £270.00

**355.8 AOB**

1. The road between Groesffordd and Nant Goch is very bad. The road is washing away, the council need to inspect the road. Cllr Aled will speak to the council.
2. There are still issues with the flood on the road past the Green Inn. This is very dangerous for people who are not local as it is on a blind bend.
3. The review of the 20mph is to be completed by the company who implemented it. Due to the high cost of implementing it, it is very unlikely it will be changed.

Next meeting 20th February 2024